GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:165
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2001
ISSUE OF WHITE PAPER ON EXISTING POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to issue a White Paper on theexisting position of power sector and assessment for future power requirements;

(b) if so, whether a high level task force has been constituted by the Government to examine the position of the power sector and also to prepare blueprint for the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 165 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 08.03.2001 REGARDING ISSUE OF WHITE PAPER ON EXISTING POWER SECTOR.

(a) to (c) : There is no plan to issue a white paper on the power sector at present. However, the Government has reviewed the prevailing situation in the power sector at the highest level at the recently concluded Conference of Chief Ministers and State Power Ministers on 3rd March, 2001 with a sharp focus on power sector reforms. This Conference which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister has evolved a National consensus on reforms. Subject specific Committees have also been set up to deal with specific issues relating to the power sector.

The Government is also contemplating constituting an Inter-ministerial Task Force to assess the impact of various measures taken by Government of India in the past and to make recommendations with the objective of providing `power to all by 2012`, and suggest corrective measures, if any.